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EFFECTIVE DEPICTION BY REDUCING PIXEL SIGNALS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2005, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Amendment.